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Sen. Testin Objects to Governor's Pursuit of Statewide Mask Mandate

Madison, WI – In a move that concerns many Wisconsinites who care about civil liberties, Governor Evers unilaterally enacted a statewide mask mandate on Thursday. Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) is among those who object to the Governor's order.

“Individuals and businesses have been free to make the decisions about masks that are right for them,” noted Senator Testin. “The Governor's one-size-fits-all approach treats Milwaukee and Madison the same as Wautoma and Arpin. That's a misguided and heavy-handed approach that I simply don't support.”

Governor Evers issued his latest mandate despite recent revelations that the Department of Health Services (DHS) has been publishing incomplete COVID-19 data. Both Dane and Waukesha Counties have admitted to having backlogs of negative tests – and several other counties are believed to be in a similar situation. This skews the percentage of positive tests, and paints a picture that makes the situation appear worse than it actually is.

“The Governor is now issuing sweeping mandates based on incomplete data which has led to an inaccurate picture of Wisconsin's situation. My office reached out to DHS more than a week ago with 20 data related questions that have yet to be answered. It's concerning that panic is now dictating public policy.”

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